

A LESSON IN REVENGE.



SEATED in the bay window of Mrs. Darsey's spacious drawing-room, Cyril Delmar was telling Helen Darsey that he loved her, and wanted her for his wife. And just outside the window, through whose open, lace-draped casement the odor of night jasmine crept like incense, and the moon shone down in a flood of silvery light, Vivian Ames listened to his words with a crushed and bleeding heart; his love words to another. For, until to-night, Vivian believed he loved her, and that "some day—some sweet day"—he would tell her so, in words, even as his eyes had already spoken.

Two months ago, Cyril Delmar had made the acquaintance of the Darseys, and the poor relation, Vivian Ames. It had been quite a romantic affair. He had come to this suburban place one beautiful June morning—had ridden on horseback—for the purpose of visiting a certain estate adjoining the Darsey place. It was a fine property, and, being in the market, Cyril had made up his mind that it was just the home for him, whenever he should see fit to take to himself a wife.

He was twenty-eight, handsome, and would eventually be quite a matrimonial "catch." For his uncle, Richard Clyde, was a millionaire and a bachelor, and Cyril was reputed to be his prospective heir. The old millionaire was past seventy, and made no secret of the fact that his nephew would some day inherit his fortune.

Now, that fair June morning, as Cyril Delmar rode gayly along the straight smooth road which led past Mrs. Darsey's house, he did not dream that his fate lay in ambush just beyond.

Right in front of the high-arched iron gates, his horse took fright and threw him violently to the ground. It was just like a scene from a novel, so Helen Darsey had declared, with her big blue eyes full of delight, not at the thought of the young man's sufferings, of course, but because it was all like a story or a play. The handsome hero was carried into the Darsey house by two men servants, and placed upon a sofa, while Mrs. Darsey, a tall, elegant woman, dressed like a fashion plate, sat at once for their family physician. Arrived there, that dignified soon pronounced the young man's injuries painful. He must have rest and care for a week or two.

To say that Cyril Delmar took an unfair advantage of the situation to remain an invalid as long as possible, would not be quite untrue. Who could blame him? For both Helen and her cousin Vivian were constantly at his side, to read to him, sing to him, converse with him. Somehow he seemed to prefer Vivian's society. A slight, pale girl, with great dark eyes, and a low, sweet voice. And as time went by, there grew up within her heart a love which soon was strong enough to crowd out all else. She cared nothing for the wealth; she loved him for himself alone.

But Helen Darsey had "an eye to the main chance," and had been poor, Cyril Delmar would have had a small prospect of success. The days passed and Vivian's love grew and increased in depth and strength until it was her all. She lived for nothing else.

In the meantime old Mr. Clyde had frequently called upon his nephew, and saw with satisfaction that he was greatly interested in Vivian. For somehow, poor and dependent though she was, she touched the old man's heart, and he preferred that his nephew's choice should be Vivian Ames.

And there, right at her side, she saw old Mr. Clyde, gazing down into the small, pale face, with eyes full of sadness. He, too, had overheard the interesting love scene.

"Vivian!" he said, softly, taking the girl's cold hands in his own, "we have unintentionally played eavesdroppers. I am not sorry; for I have thus learned the truth and my nephew's real nature. He is a dishonorable fellow! Vivian, listen! Do you want revenge for his treatment of you? I acknowledge that I am burning to punish him, for he has been guilty of a cruel wrong to you. Everybody has believed that you and he would marry, until lately, when he has devoted himself to that wax doll, Helen Darsey. Do you want revenge, Vivian?"

She glanced into his face, all a-tremble. Her eyes shone like stars. Did she? Would any woman in her place—cast aside, made light of—as she had been—wish revenge for her wrongs?

"Do it!" she faltered, "tell me, tell me—how!"

He clasped her trembling hands. "Marry me!" he whispered. "I am old enough to be your father, dear; but I would be good and kind to you, and I shall not live long. When I die you will have all—all! Vivian, do you hear me?"

She started and turned pale. "And—Cyril?" she whispered. The old man smiled grimly. "That is my affair. I have an idea that there is a surprise in store for you, Vivian. Only say yes, and I will do the rest."

"Yes."

That was all. The old man's face wore a satisfied look; he bent his gray head and touched the girl's forehead with his lips.

"Heaven bless you, my dear," he said. But Vivian was not happy. She had accepted the offer of revenge upon Cyril Delmar for his perfidy; accepted it when thrust in her hands in this strange way; but her heart was heavy and troubled. "Revenge is sweet," says the old adage, but Vivian did not find it so.

The next morning old Richard Clyde called upon Mrs. Darsey, and electrified that lady by asking her sanction to his marriage with Vivian Ames.

"Mr. Clyde!" gasped Mrs. Darsey, almost unable to speak—"why! this is overwhelming! I thought you would never marry, and that Cyril is—"

"My heir in prospect? Ay, so he is—in case I do not marry. All men reserve the right to change their condition, Mrs. Darsey."

PREMONITIONS.

Regular Instances in Human Experience in This and Other Lands.

There are families in which certain signs and tokens are believed to portend either trouble or death. I know one daughter of an old Dutch house who says that always before a death in her family there is heard a step on the stairway, going slowly from the top of the house to the bottom and out of the front door. Generations of her people have heard this step, and it always presages a death, says the Christian Intelligencer.

Last summer I met a Scotch gentleman, shrewd, long-headed and soundly Presbyterian. He told me that his grandmother and his mother had both always had "warnings" when any untoward event was about to take place in their family history. His grandmother was a bride, a gay young thing of seventeen, walking with a merry party in the island of Malta. Suddenly she stopped and drew back, unable to take a forward step, for just in her path-way a yawning gulf, or what looked so to her, had opened, and she saw the shape of a coffin. The vision presently passed, but in due time there came letters to the sunny island telling of a fearful storm off the Scottish coast and the going down of a ship in which were two brothers of the bride, both of whom were drowned. Many such incidents this good man told me which he believed in, but could not explain.

There sat near me in church for some years a cheery little partridge of a woman, buxom, brown-eyed and healthy in body and mind—the wife of a poet and his frequent inspiration. This lady was one of those to whom visions came, and who had hallucinations which were very agreeable, giving her a pleasant variety in life, but never amounting to anything serious.

Professor Snow was another thus accompanied on the road home by visitors unseen by others, but very evident to himself. A friend of mine was staying at his house as a guest. It was summer, and in a white gown the lady was sitting under a tree in the garden. She sat quite still for a long while, the professor meanwhile pacing up and down the veranda. By and by she arose.

"Why, why," said the good man, "is it you? I thought you were one of my angels."

Aunt Marjorie recalls a story lately told her. There were two elderly men, both members of the same ecclesiastical body, and intimate friends. One, in a remote town in the South, in a hotel, composed himself to sleep one night, when, in the open window commanding a gallery, he saw the other standing in an accustomed attitude, with a smile on his face. "Why, David, man," he exclaimed, "what are you doing here? I thought you were at home."

"Willie, I'm going away, and I could not go without saying good-by!" was the answer. Then the vision faded, and the methodical man made an entry in his note-book of the day, place and hour, and committing himself to God, closed his eyes. Next day the telegraph brought the tidings: "David—died last night at 12:30 o'clock."

Scores of such stories are told and verified. What of them?

"None better," Mr. Thomas Buckley, writing from the Iron Works, Elm street, Troy, N. Y., says: "Mr. Bull's cough syrup is one of the best cough syrups for colds. None better. I always use it."

The first offense may be an impulse; the second, a fever.

The greatest of liniments! Mrs. F. M. DeWitt, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I use Salvarsan for sore throat, rheumatism, etc., and find it is one of the best liniments out."

Generally the best breed is the one that is best cared for.

100 BUS. WHEAT FROM TWO ACRES.

This remarkable yield was reported by Frank Close, Minnesota, on two acres of Marvel Spring Wheat. Speaking of this wheat, this new sort takes the cake. It is the greatest cropping spring wheat in the world. Farmers who tried it the past season believe seventy-five to one hundred bushels can be grown from one acre, and are going to get this yield for 1894. At such yield wheat pays at 30c a bushel. Salzer is the largest grower of vegetable and farm seed in the world. 210 BUS. 8 LBS. OATS FROM ONE BUS.

Whitebacks for Pacific Coast Trade.

The experiment of running the whiteback steamer in the ocean passenger carrying trade is to be tried on the Pacific coast. One whiteback of 5,000 tons capacity, to have accommodations for 200 passengers, is now building, and contracts have been placed for two others. They will run between Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco. The steamers will be of the same general design as the big Christopher Columbus, which plied between Chicago and the white city all summer, and which looked like a big cigar, with deckhouses, saloons and cabins perched along its full length on pillars, the waters having a clear brooch under them and over the body of the boat in bad weather.

Forevermore.

"Missus," said a very small boy, "kin I shovel off your snow?"

"Why, the snow's all off my walk."

"I don't mean now."

"But I've promised another boy to let him do the work the next time it snows."

"I don't mean then either. Every place I've been in was just the same way. You have to get yer application in early if you want work these hard times. What I want to know is, can I shovel off next winter's snow for ye?"

Scurvy and scorbutic affections, pimples and blotches on the skin are caused by impure blood which Bécham's Pills cure.

Manure poor land to make it good, and manure good land to keep it good.

Not feeding bran many make the mistake of not feeding other materials with it.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

We, the undersigned, have known J. C. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRACY, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Spring is the "Jimmy" that opens the buds. With all stock, the farmer that culls the closest receives the best results.

On March 5 and April 9, 1894, the Louisville & Nashville railroad will sell tickets for their regular trains to principal points in the south at one single fare for the round trip. These excursion rates take in the principal cities and towns in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, West Florida and Mississippi. Tickets will be good to return within twenty days, and will be on sale at St. Louis, Evansville, Louisville and Cincinnati on above dates. Through cars from these cities to principal points south. Ask your ticket agent, and if he can not furnish you tickets from your station, write to G. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky.

In feeding to secure the best results, study the animal as well as the breed.

Hope is grease to the wheels of endeavor. A huckwheat cake and a home run depend largely on the batter.

KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

It is not impossible to meet with a plump refusal from a slender girl.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

ABC Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Three-tenths of the earnings of a Belgian convict are set aside for his benefit on release.

Prisoners, when arrested in Morocco, are required to pay the policeman for his trouble in taking them to jail.

Florida has no state prison. The convicts are leased and subleased to individuals in various parts of the state.

Paris has 2,334,000 population and 7,154 police. Total arrests in 1893, 96,842, of which 26,822 were for drunkenness.

The New York state prison at Albany has 1,263 inmates. The expenditures of the institution exceed the income over \$100,000 a year.

The usual treatment of catarrh is very unsatisfactory, as thousands can testify. Proper local treatment is positively necessary to success, but many, if not most, of the remedies in general use afford but temporary benefit. A cure certainly can not be expected from snuffs, powders, douches and washes. Ely's Cream Balm, which is so highly commended, is a remedy which combines the important requisites of quick action, specific curative power with perfect safety and pleasantness to the patient.

Smoking is permitted in the prisons of Belgium only as a reward for good behavior.

London has 5,056,000 population and 16,093 police. The total arrests in 1890 were 83,414.

Abraham Lincoln's Stories.

An illustrated book, unmarred by advertising, containing stories and anecdotes told by Abraham Lincoln, many heretofore unpublished, will be sent free to every person sending his or her address to the Lincoln Tea Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Books are the "negative" pictures of thought; and the more sensitive the mind that receives their images, the more nicely the finest lines are reproduced.

Good seed in well prepared ground is the beginning of a good harvest.

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LAMENESS,

SWELLINGS, BACK-ACHE, SOOTHES, SUBDUES, CURES.

IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE

Have been inaugurated via the Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways. The "California Special," Equipped with Elegant Pullman Buffet-Sleeping Cars and Improved Tourist Cars, leaves St. Louis daily at 9:30 p. m. for LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO and the MID-WINTER EXPOSITION. This is the "TRUE SOUTHERN ROUTE" for reaching a country enclosed in tropical climes, with the odor of fruits and flowers. Greatly reduced rates are now in effect, and tickets on sale at all principal ticket offices in the United States and Canada. In addition, the above service, A Pullman Tourist Sleeping Car leaves St. Louis daily for this train and runs through to Los Angeles. For descriptive circulars, maps, folders, etc., address H. C. TOWNSEND, General Passenger Agent, ST. LOUIS, MO., or JNO. E. ENNIS, Agent, 199 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

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